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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, namely claims 7-9 drawn to method, classified in Class 438, subclass 57.

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office action of June 16, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. In the Patent Office letter the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-6 in Group I, claims 7-9 in Group II and claims 10-14 in Group III. By the foregoing, the applicant has now made the election of the claims of Group II, namely claims 7-9.

Having made this election, applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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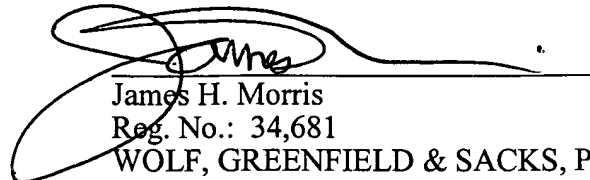
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